

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph at page 48, beginning at line 5 with the following:

The plate was kept at room temperature overnight and the blue color measured at 575 nm on an ELISA plate reader. Based on the optical density of samples treated with the test compound and that of the control, the inhibitory effect of **SR 16312** was evaluated. The results are set forth in FIG. ~~[[21]]~~ 23. As may be seen in the figure, the compound resulted in virtually 100% inhibition at concentrations of 5  $\mu$ M or higher.